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From: Chris Brose
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1:24 AM
Subject: Proposed relaxation of ownership rules

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Please count me among the many who support relaxing the rules regarding who can own what. It seems to me that this entire issue is driven by the fact that Rupert Murdoch wants to buy Direct TV. Since a lot of people don't like FOX, and Murdock owns FOX, they see the potential of more FOX-like networks being driven by the proposed purchase. Personally, I think FOX is the most entertaining news channel -- but even if I didn't like FOX, I wouldn't be against Murdock buying Direct TV, and I wouldn't be against other mergers as well. I've heard a few people in the media complain about monopolies, but this doesn't even come close to potentially being a monopoly. If Murdock, or anyone else, were to acquire all radio stations and newspapers and TV stations and cable outlets and internet providers in any given market, that would certainly constitute a monopoly, and I would expect the government to step in at that point. But until that happens, please just let the market dictate what happens. Trust me, if people don't like what Murdock is doing on a given network, we'll change the channel.

Thank you for your time,
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P.S. I know Rush Limbaugh (and other conservatives) has a reputation for dominating the radio, but there's far more than just him. As you well know.

From: ruth case
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:38 PM
Subject: Deregulation

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In America we do not have democracy, we have corporacy and The FCC is totally bought and you have sold-out against the wishes of the American people.

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From: Laura Shireman
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:39 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Laura Shireman (shirewoman2@yahoo.com) writes:

Thank you for your hard work in defending the public's right to diverse and localized media outlets. I'm sorry today's rule changes passed anyway.

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From: richard g vaughan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:42 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

richard g vaughan (dickievnw@aol.com) writes:

saw you on tv tonight and then read your bio.

to bad you never worked for a living like most americans.

if you believe in what daschle believes in, you deserve what ever you get.

try free enterprize. you might like it.

you get paid when you contribute to the gdp.

in case your to dumb that gross domestic product.

good luck

with your brain power you will need it.

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From: Drnovlomas@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:00 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Please do not relax FCC rules related to increased concentration of license ownership. Things have progressed in this direction thus far in a very troublesome way. I am terribly concerned. These are the public's airwaves. Please guarantee that licenses remain in many, many hands.

Cordially,

Dr. Thomas C. Halle

From: Christian Mendez
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:01 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Christian Mendez (Christianmendez2003@hotmail.com) writes:

Dear Mr. Commissioner Jonathen S. Adelstein,

I have E-mailed all the other Commissioners and you are the last.

I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the American public. The information you have given and time was great. But, I want to tell you how I have begun to help you and the America public.

One. I will be disconnecting my Cable and unplugging my T.V. from local T.V. stations.

Two. I have informed 47 close friends and family about todays ruling. And I am sure that they will be E-mailing many more about this and yourself as well.

Three. I have just given five hundred dollars to Democracynow and will only listen to honest news from here on out

Thank you Mr. Commissioner and keep on giving. We are all together on this one, we the American Public are with you and please keep that great head on your shoulders with what-ever you do in life.

Thank you
Your friend,

Christian Mendez

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From: Sandra Church
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:01 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Sandra Church (bobec1268@aol.com) writes:

Thankyou for your honorable service on the FCC and for your comments this morning on the peoples' behalf.

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From: Ed & Rachel Boyd
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:03 PM
Subject: Recent FCC Rule Changes

Dear Mr. Copps & Mr. Adelstein,

Thank you BOTH for standing up for the true voice of the people of our country with regards to our disapproval and fears over the recent rule changes. I commend both of you!

On the Jim Lehrer News Hour, I noticed that Mr. Adelstein had mentioned that almost 3/4 of a million concerned citizens had contacted you (I assume mostly via email) about their concerns over this issue. That should have been a serious wakeup call to Mr. Powell, Mr. Martin and Mrs. Abernathy that we in this country are tired of having to fix monopolistic activities "after the fact."

It happened that way with the Bell System monopoly and with Microsoft, as well as many other less-notable cases. Mark my words, in however-many-years from now (10?, 15?, 20?), our country will be involved in yet another major, costly case involving the breakup of a huge media monopolyor will we?

The media, in many ways, can by its very nature, be even stronger than the will of the people or its government. What is the first thing that an occupying force has taken charge of in ANY case of occupation in recent history? That, of course, would be the media. Having just a handful of biased individuals in control of everything that people hear or read is the most dangerous situation I can think of.

On Jim Lehrer I heard you infer, Chairman Powell, that the cards, letters and email you received, that were overwhelmingly against your decision, was "of no consequence"? Is that your honest opinion, sir, that what I say is of no consequence? I beg to differ sir.....especially when 3/4 of a million like-minded people also concur with my viewpoint and my fears, with hardly ANY dissent weighing in your favor. This decision WILL come back and bite us all in the collective rear-end sometime in the future. I just hope that whatever mega-corporation owns half of our media at that time doesn't have the strength to stifle our dissent at that time! Such a monopoly has the potential to be at the very least ultra-difficult to break up, if not completely impossible!

In the meantime, I'm going to be avidly encouraging my Representatives to pass legislation that will overturn the FCC's decision over this matter. I will also be equally avid in my encouragement to them to remove Chairman Powell, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Abernathy from the FCC Board (and I'm a staunch Republican!)

Thank you all for your time!

With Warmest Regards,

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"Saudi Arabia said today that they've foiled a major al Qaeda operation. So apparently they canceled the check."

Jay Leno - May 22, 2003

CC: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

From: Andre Barclay
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:09 PM
Subject: Thanks

Thank you so much for your efforts.

Andre Barclay

From: Jonathan Michael Gerler
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:15 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jonathan Michael Gerler (djfm@djfm.com) writes:

Mr. Adelstein:

I applaud the remarks you made today in response to the FCC's de-regulation of corporate media giants. As an independent musician and songwriter, I have long watched Clear Channel gobble up radio station after radio station, replacing relevant local content, music and news with pre-packaged garbage, making it nearly impossible for someone like myself to break in. Now the same will happen to television and other major media. I hope that you will continue to stand up for the rights of consumers. What can I do to help?

Best regards,
Jon Gerler
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From: MNewland@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:17 PM
Subject: No Subject

why did you sell our airwaves to the highest bidders?

From: Celia de Jong
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:19 PM
Subject: Today's Ruling

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

This ruling today was an absolute disaster. I'm speechless, horrified, but then I do a lot of that lately.

I've been watching you on CSPAN (I'm a dedicated viewer) and I thought your comments were erudite, profound, deeply intelligent and considered, and sadly, a harbinger of great evils to come.

But thank you and bless you for trying to preserve a small corner of democracy, in the way that the FCC is uniquely designed to do so.

It's a sporting man that you are Mr. Adelstein, we who think that an open citizenry/closed government is totally backasswards from what the founding fathers intended, stand up and salute you.

Sincerely,
Celia de Jong

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From: cpperry
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:20 PM
Subject: RE: RELAXING RULES

MADAM :

DO NOT RELAX THE RULES ON MEDIA OWNERSHIP. WE NEED MORE COMPANINES OUT THERE, NOT JUST ONE OR TWO CORPORATIONS THROTTLING OUR RIGHT TO KNOW.

PATRICIA A. PERRY
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From: MNewland@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:20 PM
Subject: Selling of america's airwaves

I heard your speech and agree with you. Considering you were appointed by babybush, I must applaud your courage. What can i do now??
A viet vet against war and corporate takeover

From: John Patrick O'Brien
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:24 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

John Patrick O'Brien (elevatorman@mac.com) writes:

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Helena
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:27 PM
Subject: No to FCC Decision on Ownership Rules

I'm listing to the commission statements on the decision and feel it needs to be repealed/reworked. Media diversity must be our first priority.

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From: Helena
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From: Rose Laing
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:29 PM
Subject: broadcast ruling

Is there still time - or has the ax fallen without our voices heard?

I am opposed to relaxing the broadcast ownership rules. American citizens have a right to hear news from a wide variety of media news sources, not a handful. Please continue broadcast ownership protections as they exist.

C'mon Washington - if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Rose McNeil Laing mclaing@voyager.net

From: Garland Campbell
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:42 PM
Subject: Thank-you from a simple American citizen

Thank-you for standing up to the giant corporations and plutocrats today. History will smile kindly on your efforts.

From: RAMarty1@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:00 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Thank you for your stand today on the ruling. I applaud your courage and totally agree with your commentary.

Rebecca Martinez

From: William Kapoun
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:10 PM
Subject: New Ownership Rules

I realize it is important to decrease competition in broadcasting, that way it is easier to control what we hear, and to hide the truth about what we are doing around the world, and our quest for oil and control worldwide, so kudos, you are one step closer to the one world aristocracy which is imminent one day, and for which you and your conservative thieving friends so strive.

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Harriet Ervin
To: Commissioner Adelstein, muservin@yahoo.com
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:13 PM
Subject: Re: We Are Grateful

We the people are deeply grateful for your spirited and truthful defense of our media and democracy itself, this morning. And of course for your vote. We will work alongside you, in cyberspace, and in real time, to win back our media, as this "pyrrhic victory" has awakened things in us that have been asleep too long. These three commissioners are messing with the wrong country.

Please continue to fight the good fight: you have the deepest gratitude from my family and pretty much every one else I care to know (and even not a few I don't, how about that?)

Sincerely, John Ervin

From: Banditos Yanquis
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:14 PM
Subject: Congratulations on the recent decision, it sucks!

Dear FCC,

Your recent decision does a disservice to the American public along with the other government organizations that have let the public down recently (the SEC with corporate scandals and the CIA/FBI with those terrorist assholes). You have aligned yourself with the greed of corporate America and have let politics sway you from doing your job. As perhaps the most powerful form of media in our country today, television is already in danger of becoming too sanitized for the public.

Take for example our recent war in Iraq - with the exception of Donahue's show on MSNBC (which got cancelled) and Senator Byrd's appearance on Larry King Live, practically no major television networks aired opposing viewpoints about the war. Newspaper and radio shows seemed to present the problem and articulate both viewpoints a little better, but in this day and age television is perhaps the most powerful influence on public opinion - From this average television junkie's viewpoint the anti-war voices were minimal AT BEST.

The hallmark of our country is a society that is educated and informed about the decisions it makes. However I have recently come to the conclusion that in today's world the numerous issues of the day are just too much for most people to grapple. The world is a complicated place and the quality of the press is tantamount to keeping our country safe from the ills of recent history.

Kudos to Commissioners Copps and Adelstein for making the right decision here - keep it real guys!!

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen

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From: Kimberlee Piper
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:24 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Kimberlee Piper (kimberlee.piper@verizon.net) writes:

I agree with you, this is a sad day. The large media companies are on their knees praising Powell. The American people, those who know what they lost today, are grieving. Unfortunately there are so many Americans that don't know what they lost today.

All I can hope for at the present time is that Congress actually takes public opinion into account and that Powell is not reappointed to the commission.

I thank you for trying to serve public interest. While you couldn't stop this atrocity I appreciate your effort.

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From: David Balts
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:34 PM
Subject: it's a sad day regarding FCC deregulation

Chairman Michael Powell,

Here's your quote...

"Our actions will advance our goals of diversity and localism,"

Diversity and localism? No way. All you've done is to continue to stamp out LOCAL control of radio and television and are giving the big corporation's more control of the PUBLIC'S airwaves.

Sure there are more outlets available now, but almost all are NATIONAL outlets. Let's see you get any LOCAL news from a national source. It won't happen!

You are killing LOCAL radio, and now television, all for corporate GREED! Soon almost all LOCAL content and decisions will be made from somewhere other than LOCALLY!

Do you call it DIVERSITY when one corporation controls everything? And it's certainly not LOCALISM! The word I would use is MONOPOLY and it will not be LOCAL! If everything is controlled by corporations, all we will hear is what corporations want us to hear. Remember how the Iraqi government controlled everything the Iraqi people saw and heard? They hardly ever heard the truth. Or perhaps you'd like to go further and have our government step in and control everything. You're now just one step away.

It's clear that you have no concern for local communities.

David

David Balts

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Herbert Kohl, russell_feingold@feingold.senate.gov

From: paulcondylis
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:40 PM
Subject: FCC decision to loosen media ownership restrictions

Chairman Michael K. Powell; Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy; Commissioner Kevin J. Martin:

I am one of many Americans who are sadly disappointed in your decision to loosen media ownership restrictions.

I find it hard to believe you were doing anything more than following your conscience. But I find it even more difficult to believe there wasn't undue pressure on you by corporate interests. Only you know the real truth. You will be tempted to replay the events and justify your actions. But I hope you will re-examine your actions in the light of the highest levels of fairness. You certainly defended the interests of capitalism. I think it's okay for companies to make a lot of money, until it seriously goes against the interests of the public. Which is your mandate?

It's a remarkable coincidence that you who voted for this lifting of restrictions happen to be Republicans, some of you with close ties to the Administration. Don't you realize how transparent it is?

Paul Condylis